



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/821,753	03/30/2001	Tuqiang Ni	2328-053	5171
7590 03/02/2009 LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP Suite 310 1700 Diagonal Road Alexandria, VA 22314			EXAMINER ALEJANDRO MULERO, LUZ L.	
			ART UNIT 1792	PAPER NUMBER
			MAIL DATE 03/02/2009	DELIVERY MODE PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

---

*Ex parte* TUQIANG NI,  
FRANK Y. LIN, CHUNG-HO HUANG  
and  
WEINAN JIANG

---

Application No. 09/821,753  
Technology Center 1700

---

Mailed: March 2, 2009

---

Before PAMELA S. BENNETT, *Review Team Paralegal*.  
BENNETT, *Review Team Paralegal*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 18, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

**EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF**

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on January 13, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and § 1208, part II, of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 6, September 2007).

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Reply Brief filed January 13, 2009 as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

PSB

Lowe Hauptman Gilman & Berner, LLP  
Suite 310  
1700 Diagonal Road  
Alexandria, VA 22314